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1. THE MISSION REVIEWED WITH EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL TRAN VAN THINH HIS TRAVEL PLANS TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL NATURAL RUBBER AGREEMENT AND GSP. TRAN PLANS TO VISIT MALAYASIA, THAILAND AND INDONESIA FROM ABOUT MARCH 10-16 TO DISCUSS UNCTAD RUBBER DISCUSSIONS. SEE REF A FOR SOME OF HIS CURRENT IDEAS.

2. TRAN WILL RETURN TO BRUSSELS BEFORE TRAVELLING TO WASHINGTON. AS INDICATED IN REFS B AND C, TRAN PLANS TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON NIGHT MARCH 23 AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS ON MARCH 24 AND 25. IF POSSIBLE HE WOULD LIKE TO FOCUS ON RUBBER DISCUSSIONS ON MARCH 24 AND GSP MATTERS ON MARCH 25. HE PLANS TO DEPART FOR NEW YORK LATE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 25.

3. TRAN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY OSWALD VAN WAUWE OF THE COMMISSION DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL
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AFFAIRS. HE HANDLES RUBBER IN THE DG.

4. TRAN WOULD LIKE TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON GSP USE RATES. AS INDICATED IN REF B, EFFECTIVE USE RATE OF EC SYSTEM IS SURPRISINGLY LOW. TRAN HAS PROVIDED MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON EC GSP USE RATE. (THE MISSION IS SENDING TO STATE/RPE - MCLEAN AND EB/OT/GCP - AHMAD COPIES OF THESE MATERIALS.) TRAN BELIEVES

THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO DISCUSS A COORDINATED EFFORT TO PROMOTE GSP USE.

5. TRAN SAYS THE EC WILL LAUNCH A MAJOR GSP PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM. HE BELIEVES THAT THE COMMISSION-PROPOSED TRADE COOPERATION AGENCY WILL BE APPROVED BY THE EC COUNCIL BY YEAR END. (SEE REF C.) PERMDEL SOURCES CONFIRM THIS VIEW, BUT ADD THAT THE COUNCIL WILL LIKELY CUT BACK THE PROPOSED FUNDING AND STAFF FOR THE AGENCY. THE COUNCIL WILL ALSO LIKELY CHANGE ITS FOCUS TO PROMOTE THE GSP RATHER THAN GENERAL TRADE. HINTON

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